

Installation of Lime Calcination Plant by VISL

161. SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state —

(a) whether the VISL has installed an additional lime calcination plant in addition to the one already in existence; If so, its cost (cost of both old and new may be furnished);

(b) the quantum of lime produced by each plant monthly;

(c) the quantum of lime required per annum for the use of the VISL;

(d) the cost of production per ton and selling price per ton;

(e) the number of staff working in each plant and the annual expenditure on salary;

(f) the cost of the new Kiln which was installed during the year 1974-75 ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs —

(a) Yes.

Rs. in lakhs

Cost of old Lime Kiln installed during 1965-66	21.39
Cost of new Lime Kiln as on 31-3-1976	40.61

Tonnes per month

(b) Old Lime Kiln :	900
New Lime Kiln :	1,500
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(c) 13,800 tonnes per annum.

(d) Cost of Production (per ton) Rs. 264-36

Selling price per ton :

(a) Lime Rs. 300

(b) Lime dust Rs. 93
(waste material for steel making)

(e) (A) (1) Old Lime Kiln : 13 Nos.

(2) New Lime Kiln : 8 Nos.

(B) *Annual Expenpiture on salary :*

- (1) Old Lime Kiln Rs. 1.84 lakhs
- (2) New Lime Kiln is under trial operation from middle of June 1976.

(f) Rs. 40 61 lakhs (as on 31-8-1976) Installed during 1975-76.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—Before putting this question, I want to seek your protection. While answering let the Hon'ble Minister give replies in a responsible manner.

† SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—I am grateful to the Hon'ble Members for his responsible suggestion.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—There is alloy steel and special mild steel plant. Your requirement is only 13,800 tonnes per annum which the old kiln could have produced, But you have installed an additional lime calcination Plant. What was the necessity to spend Rs. 40 lakhs over the new kiln?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯನವರ ಉಕ್ತಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ ಬೆಳೆಯತಕ್ಕ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಶ್ರೀಯುಕ್ತ ಮೆಕಾನ್ ಅವರ ಕನ್ಸಲ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಈ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೆನ್ಷನ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. one of the recommendation made by Meccan was that we should set up one more Kiln. The old Kiln was giving 10, 000 tonnes, but our requirement is 13, 000 tonnes. So we thought of installing new kiln as per the recommendation of the Firm, and as per future planning.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—Even if the future planning is taken into consideration and also your present requirement, all will not go beyond 13,000 tonnes. Now you have installed another plant producing about 30,000 tonnes. What are you going to do with the quantum of lime produced at the rate of Rs. 264, Your selling is Rs. 300/- per ton, What about the fate of the small units which were producing lime? Are you going to throw them out of job? What is the alternative appointment you are going to make for them? Are you going to make your cost of production very high? Are you going to pay wages to the producers at the rate of Rs 7-50 and also the provident fund?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—In 1977 our requirement of lime would be about 17, 000 tonnes. That is the first stage. The Second stage would be that when the wire and Rod mill is set up, we need about 32,000 tonnes, and the Mysore Paper Mills and the Mandya National Paper Mills would also need some quantity of lime. So the question is not that of finding a market for what we produce, but the question is how well we are planning for the future.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—Are you going to throw out all the small units, What does the Government propose to do to the 250 employees who will be thrown out of work?

SRI S. M. KRISHNAN.—If I accept the suggestion made by my distinguished friend Sri Abdul Khuddus Anwar, then I will have to close down the old lime klin also that we can help the small industries.

SRI M. S. KRISHNA.—The factory is now producing 28,800 tonnes and requirement is 13, 800 tonnes per annum, which means the extra production is 15,000 tonnes per year. What exactly has the Government thought of for using it? Are you selling it or is it going under waste?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—I would like to say that these kilns will have to be relined once in five or six years and relining takes about 6 to 8 months. If we close down the kilns for relining, the total loss in terms of production will be to the tune of Rs. 14 crores. Taking all these factors into consideration and the totality of the picture, M/s. MEACON who are the subsidiary of Government of India have recommended that to be on the safer side it is better to have one more plant. The Mysore paper Mills and the Mandya National Paper mills also need lime, and if there is any surplus we are going to supply to these two sources.

**Surcharge proceeding against Directors and Manager of
Belgaum District Central Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

176 **SRI J. S. AMMANAVAR (Sadalga)**—Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state.

(a) whether any surcharge proceeding have been instituted against the previous directors and the manager of the Belgaum District Central Co-operative Bank Limited Belgaum.

(b) if so, when and the amount involved the names of the persons responsible and the amount to the extent to which each of them are liable and responsible.

(c) the stage at which the matter is pending?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).—

(a) Yes,

(b) On 27th October, 1975, Rs. 3,12, 410.07 Statement of persons being examined is enclosed. Yet to be assessed.

(c) Action under section 69 of the KCS Act 1959 is under progress.